



3. Ordering of Agenda

**P261-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

"That the agenda be ordered as circulated and amended as follows:

Add:



The Secretary Treasurer stated that he had received a call from the Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner's office who expressed some concerns with respect to the 1.0 of the bylaw, and recommended some additional wording.

Some trustees also expressed concerns with the wording of the bylaw and its limitations. Others felt that the bylaw merely outlined a process to follow.

**P266-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board amend Motion **P265-07/08** as follows:

- 3.0 All reports and information requested of staff required to facilitate the Board in doing Board business, must be initiated and approved by the Board;
- 4.0 Individual Trustees must not request staff to produce reports related to Board business that have not been approved by the Board;
- 5.0 General knowledge and questions for clarity may be directed to staff. All attempts should be made to share this knowledge with all Trustees if related to Board business.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Joostema	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

**P267-07/08** Mover: Trustee Joostema  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

"That the Board amend Motion **P265-07/08** as amended by **P266-07/08** as follows:

- 5.0 should read: General knowledge and questions for clarity may be directed to staff.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Rempel  
Trustee Vdovine

Negative  
Negative

CARRIED

**P268-07/08** Mover: Trustee Marshall



Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

DEFEATED

The question was called on Motion **P270-07/08**:

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
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CARRIED

**P272-07/08** Mover: Trustee Marshall  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board table the remaining motions contained in Trustee Ashlie’s report until a future date.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Daycare Space in New Schools

**P273-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

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## H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Decision Items
  - a) Superintendent of Schools
    - 15 Seater Van Update

**P274-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s 15 Seater Van Update Report, for information.”

The Secretary Treasurer circulated an e-mail received from the Ministry of Education regarding Canadian jurisdictions: school purpose vehicles, for further information.

The Superintendent provided a report on the use of 15 seater vans, following an accident in New Brunswick. He said there have been a number of investigations on 15 seater vans as used in school districts, and their safety. Mr. Harrison, Purchasing and Transportation Manager, is recommending that the District suspend the use of the 15 seater vans until direction is received from the Ministry of Education, and that if no direction is forthcoming, the District create a committee to study the issue in detail. He also suggested that secondary school representation be included.

Discussion ensued.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P275-07/08** Mover: Trustee Vdovine  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board:

- a) forward a letter to the Ministry of Education and Minister of Transportation asking them to ask School Districts to suspend the use of 15 seater passenger vans until an investigation on safety concerns has been undertaken. The letter should also be copied to the Premier of B.C. and Leader of the Opposition and;
- b) put forward an emergent motion to BCSTA Provincial Council.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- French Immersion Programs (Elem. & Sec. Level)

**P276-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s French Immersion Programs (Elementary & Secondary), Timelines and Process for Catchment Adjustments Report, for information.”

Ms. Rowen, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment, outlined a proposal for a review of all aspects of the District’s French Immersion programs. She said it is important to look at program location, options, growth opportunities, current research and trends, student enrolment data and staffing implications.

The Superintendent asked that the Board consider hiring an outside Facilitator to undertake this extensive review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P277-07/08** Mover: Trustee Joostema  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board direct staff to hire a facilitator to undertake the FI Programs review.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- BAA Courses

**P278-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Photography Graphic Design 11” proposed by Philip Crawford, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.



c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Riverside Update

**P285-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s Riverside Update Report, for information.”

The Superintendent stated that there was a parent information meeting on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to update parents on the health concerns at Riverside school. Dr. Larry Gustafson, Medical Health Officer, Dr. Goran Krstic, Fraser Health Authority, and district staff, were in attendance to answer any questions the parents may have had. Dr. Nhu Le of the Cancer Control Research was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his regrets.

The Superintendent explained that the first step in the process involves the collection of more detailed information on the identified individuals than has been provided to date. Step two will be a search of the cancer registry to determine if any staff employed at the school since 1996, have been diagnosed with cancer. Should evidence of a cancer cluster be revealed in these two steps, a full environmental investigation will be conducted. He said he would continue to keep the Board informed on this issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mission, Vision and Values Statement

**P286-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the plans to roll out the Mission, Vision and Values Statement, for information.”

The Superintendent said that the Mission, Vision, and Values Statement has now been established, and he outlined plans to announce them.

A media release will be prepared, a parent evening will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at MRSS. The statements will be a part of the introductory activities at the teacher conference on February 13

b) Assistant Superintendents

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Response from Shaw Cable Re: Broadcasting of Public Meetings
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**P288-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the response from Shaw Cable regarding the broadcasting of Public Board meetings, for information.”

The Board agreed that there would be no further discussion on the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Education Committee
  - b) Human Resources Committee
  - c) Finance Committee
  - d) Policy Advisory Committee
    - Policy GC – Retirement of Staff

**P289-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board delete Policy GC – Retirement of Staff from the Policy Manual.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) Education Advisory Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education Committee
- g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
- h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
- i) District Student Advisory Committee

## J - QUESTION PERIOD

### 1. Trustee Questions

Trustee Vdovine asked for verification of the date the Board will have an opportunity to discuss the French Immersion programs, timelines and catchment adjustments. The Superintendent advised that a presentation will be provided to the Board in May.

Trustee Joostema stated that she would like to see something come forward on the protection of Special Education programs, particularly at Mount Crescent Elementary.

### 2. Public Questions

Ms. McVeigh asked whether copies of the Ridge Meadows College presentation handout could be made available to the public. Chair Ashlie said that a copy would be made available for her.

Ms. McVeigh recommended that trustees go onto “google” to get further facts on the 15 seater passenger vans.

### 3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich, DPAC Chair announced that the next DPAC meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Pitt Meadows Elementary.

### 4. Employee Group Questions

Mr. Serra, MRTA representative, referred to the Student Assessment report and said that it should be clarified that reference to Professional Development would be more appropriately called “In-Service”.

Chair Ashlie agreed and said she would have brought this correction forward had the report been discussed in more detail this evening.

## K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

- External Representative Reports
- Board Liaison Representative Reports
  - Social Planning Committee Report

**P290-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Social Planning Meeting Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Trustee Marshall attended the recent Inclusive Education meeting, the minutes of which will be circulated at the next Board meeting. The next Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustee Butler attended the DPAC meeting and provided a brief report.
- Trustee Joostema provided a report on the recent Arts Council meeting which included a presentation by Mr. Mike Murray, Parks & Leisure Services Manager, on planned events leading up to the 2010 Olympics.
- Trustee Rempel reminded the Board that the RMEF Dinner and Planned Giving Event will take place on February 29<sup>th</sup> at THSS.
- Other Trustee Reports
  - Policy – School Heritage Archives

**P291-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
Second: Trustee Butler

“That the Board grant first reading the School Heritage Archives Policy, as circulated.”

